

**SMITH IRON & METAL**  
Bedford, Lawrence County, IN  
Revised December 30, 1999**Site Location and Description**

This site is located at 914 Summit Lane. It consists of three rectangular-shaped lots comprising a total area of about one acre. The site is bounded by "I" Street, "J" Street, Summit Lane, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Residential properties adjoin the site to the north, east and southeast. Industrial properties adjoin the site to the west and south. Several buildings are located on-site. This site is located within the Bedford Urban Enterprise Zone.

Zip Code: 47421

**Site Uses and Past Activities**

The site has been utilized as a salvage yard since 1929 with various owners. The property contains scrap metal, metal crates, a crane, a motor shearer machine, lumber, piles of wiring, rubber hoses, appliances, a truck trailer, an office building, a garage, and a metal shed. The buildings observed on-site have essentially remained unchanged since 1938.

**Contaminants and Impacts**

Cleanup standards will depend on the future use of the property. Contamination from copper, lead, nickel, and zinc was found in many samples, mostly on the main lot. Diesel fuel was found at scattered locations ranging from 37 to 2340 parts per million (ppm). Both Voluntary Remediation Program residential and non-residential cleanup goals are 100 ppm for diesel. PCBs were found in nine samples with concentrations up to 100 ppm, with a VRP residential cleanup goal of 0.08 ppm and a non-residential cleanup goal of 7.53 ppm.

**Lead Agency**

IDEM in conjunction with the Indiana Development Finance Authority.

**Community Concerns**

Because of the past use, this property is perceived to be located in a slum or blighted area. Neighboring residents have expressed concern about the presence of a "junk yard" and the impact to nearby property values.

City officials believe the proximity of the property to downtown make it an ideal site for low to moderate income housing or light industry.



**Actions Taken**

The City of Bedford was awarded an Indiana Brownfields Site Assessment Grant by the Indiana Development Finance Authority in June 1998. The awarded funding will help address environmental conditions at the property and potential liabilities. Once the environmental issues are identified and resolved, reuse of these sites should contribute to the overall well being of the neighborhood and the City of Bedford.

**Current Status**

The State has received the assessment reports generated from the Phase I and Phase II investigation activities. A Comment Letter regarding the findings and recommendations has been sent to the City of Bedford.

**Future Actions**

IDEM staff will continue to be available to discuss site cleanup and future steps as necessary to facilitate the City of Bedford's redevelopment efforts.

**Cost Estimates**

Amount of grant awarded: \$ 30,000.

**For More Information**

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